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single house, where they collectively get the handling that best suits their average needs while it is not precisely adapted to any one species, is so far overcome at Kew that representatives of the great English plant houses sometimes go there for training. Mr. Nicholson is at once a good gardener and a lover and student of plants, and he has had the assistance of the best specialists at Kew and elsewhere, so that the *Dictionary*, as now completed, is a work alike valuable to the student of plants and their amateur and professional grower, and it cannot be spared from the shelves wherever plants are grown in variety. T.

Bailey's Botany.¹—Carrying out his well-known ideas that botany in the secondary schools should begin with the commoner and grosser plants rather than by the use of those demanding the aid of the microscope, Professor Bailey has added another to the series of text-books already well and favorably known. Observation, experiment, and thought are thrust at the pupil throughout it, and the author very neatly acknowledges his obligation to hundreds of young people in many places for instruction "in the point of view," for the book, he tells us, is made for the pupil and, therefore, most appropriately views things as he sees them, even though it may enlarge his view of them before they are dropped. T.

Notes.—Under the guidance of Professors Flahault and Geddes, the late Robert Smith had begun the preparation of a series of botanical maps of Scotland, and since his death two sheets, respectively of Edinburgh and vicinity and northern Perthshire, have been issued in convenient pocket form, with a brief descriptive pamphlet, by John Bartholomew & Co. of Edinburgh.

W. N. Suksdorf has recently distributed excerpts from the *Deutsche botanische Monatsschrift*, extending over the period between November, 1898, and June, 1901, in which are published descriptions of a considerable species of Washington plants believed by him to be new to science.

Several new species and varieties of Californian plants are described by H. M. Hall in the *Botanical Gazette* for June.

Professor Dudley contributes an interesting and well-illustrated paper on the Big Basin Redwood Park to the *Forester* for July.

¹ Bailey, L. H. *Botany*. An elementary text for schools. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1900. xii + 356 pp., 500 figs.